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Leon D. Bradley Farm
Federalsburg vicinity
c. 1927 and c. 1820
Private

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atlas, printed in 1877. The house that Simon P. Charles and his family occupied was most likely the early nineteenth century hall/parlor dwelling that was relocated to this hill site during the early twentieth century by Leon D. Bradley, who acquired the farm in 1926. Leon D. Bradley is credited with erecting the bungalow on the hill site, while using the old hall/parlor house as a workshop. The farm was sold to William F. and Eileen B. Caulk in 1975, and the property remains under Caulk family ownership.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-757

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Leon D. Bradley Farm
other Caulk Farm

2. Location

street and number Zion Road not for publication
city, town Federalsburg x vicinity
county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William F. Caulk, Jr.
street and number 5111 Preston-Federalsburg Road telephone 410-310-1051
city, town Federalsburg state MD zip code 21632

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 192 folio 160
city, town Cambridge tax map 2 tax parcel 28 tax ID number 12-000235

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Leon D. Bradley farm, known currently as the William Caulk farm is situated on the southeast side of Zion Road, and the entrance lane is approximately a ½ mile south of the Preston-Federalsburg Road (MD 318) west of Federalsburg in Dorchester County, Maryland. The farmstead consists of two principal structures, a single-story frame bungalow dating around 1927 and an early 19th century hall/parlor frame dwelling that was moved to this location from a site closer to the main road. The two buildings are situate atop a small knoll approximately a ¼ mile off Zion Road. The single-story frame bungalow faces a northwesterly direction with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis, whereas the early 19th century hall/parlor house faces southwest with the gable roof oriented on northwest/southeast axis. The early 19th century house was converted to a shop after it was relocated and it is covered with corrugated tin. The east gable end wall of the deteriorated building has fallen out, thereby exposing the interior. The bungalow at present is not inhabited either.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The single-story frame bungalow, built around 1927, is supported on a full cellar of poured concrete walls, and the outer foundation wall is laid in rock-faced block. The squarish frame house is sheathed with asbestos shingles, and the medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The northwest (main) elevation is defined by a central entrance marked by a partially glazed door. Although now deteriorated, the entrance was sheltered by a tapered pier, shed roofed porch. Located to the left (east) of the doorway is a single three-over-one sash window, whereas the wall surface to the right (west) is marked by a paired set of three-over-one sash windows. The west side of the bungalow is marked by an asymmetrical wall surface with a slight projection of a bay to the south pierced by three-over-one sash windows. Attached to the back of the main block is a shed roofed kitchen, which has a trap door in the floor that provides access to the full cellar.

The interior of the bungalow is divided into five rooms with several shallow profile four-panel doors topped movable single-pane transoms. Ogee molded baseboard trims the perimeter of the rooms.

The early nineteenth century hall/parlor frame house stands behind the bungalow. The mortise-and-tenon timber frame structure rests directly on the ground. The walls and gable roof are covered with corrugated tin. The southeast gable end has completely deteriorated and fallen away from the single-story structure, thereby exposing the interior of the hall. Although the interior has been exposed, it retains a large amount of early nineteenth century finishes including an off-center vertical board wall that incorporates an enclosed winder stair that provides access to the unfinished loft. The hall has an exposed beaded joist ceiling as does the adjacent parlor, which was most probably used as a first floor chamber. The interior has retains a fair amount of original plaster

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layered on riven lath fastened with cut nails. Early nineteenth century chair rail and beaded edge baseboard trim the perimeter of each room. The suggestion of a baseboard is rendered in bluish paint across the off-center partition, which is pierced by a vertical board-and-batten door. Although the southeast gable end is missing, the floor framing remains and indicates that the house was originally served by an interior gable end brick chimney stack. The second floor loft is unfinished and lightly framed with oak rafter blades pinned at the peak and stabilized by mortised collar beams. The loft has a wide pine floor.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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¹ Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 8/307, 18 September 1871, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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Leon D. Bradley Farm

Map 2, Parcel 28
Zion Road, 77.7 acres

192/160

Leon D. Bradley

to

11.4.1975

William F. Caulk and Eileen B. Caulk

JFD 18/4

Albert S. Handy, Alice Y. Handy, Isaac H. Morris, Ethel B. Morris

to

3.4.1926

Leon D. Bradley

75 acres

JFD 16/101

Artera Whitely, widower

to

2.25.1925

Albert S. Handy and Isaac Morris

\$2750.00

WHM 5/169

Calvert C. Merriken

² Dorchester County Land Record, JFD 18/4, 4 March 1926, Dorchester County Courthouse.

³ Dorchester County Land Record, 192/160, 4 November 1975, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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Leroy L. Wallace, trustees

to

8.20.1918

Artera Whitely

Decree of Circuit Court, Maggie Willey et al. complainants and Algie Corkran, et al. defendants, No. 3573 Chancery Case being the same land conveyed unto Simon P. Charles, late of Dorchester Co., by two deeds:

1. from Silas Jones, dated 9.19.1891, FJH 8/307
2. from S. A. Logan, 5.14.1881, CL 3/251

FJH 8/307

Silas Jones

to

9.19.1871

Simon P. Charles

\$425.00 "Venture Hopewell" and "Scholarship Improved"

80 acres

CL 3/251

S. A. Logan

to

5.14.1881

Simon P. Charles

115 square perches of land

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.
Personal Interview with William F. Caulk, Jr., 3.03.2008.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 77 acres
Acreage of historical setting 77 acres
Quadrangle name Federalsburg, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this surveyed property are coincidental with the current boundary of the farm.

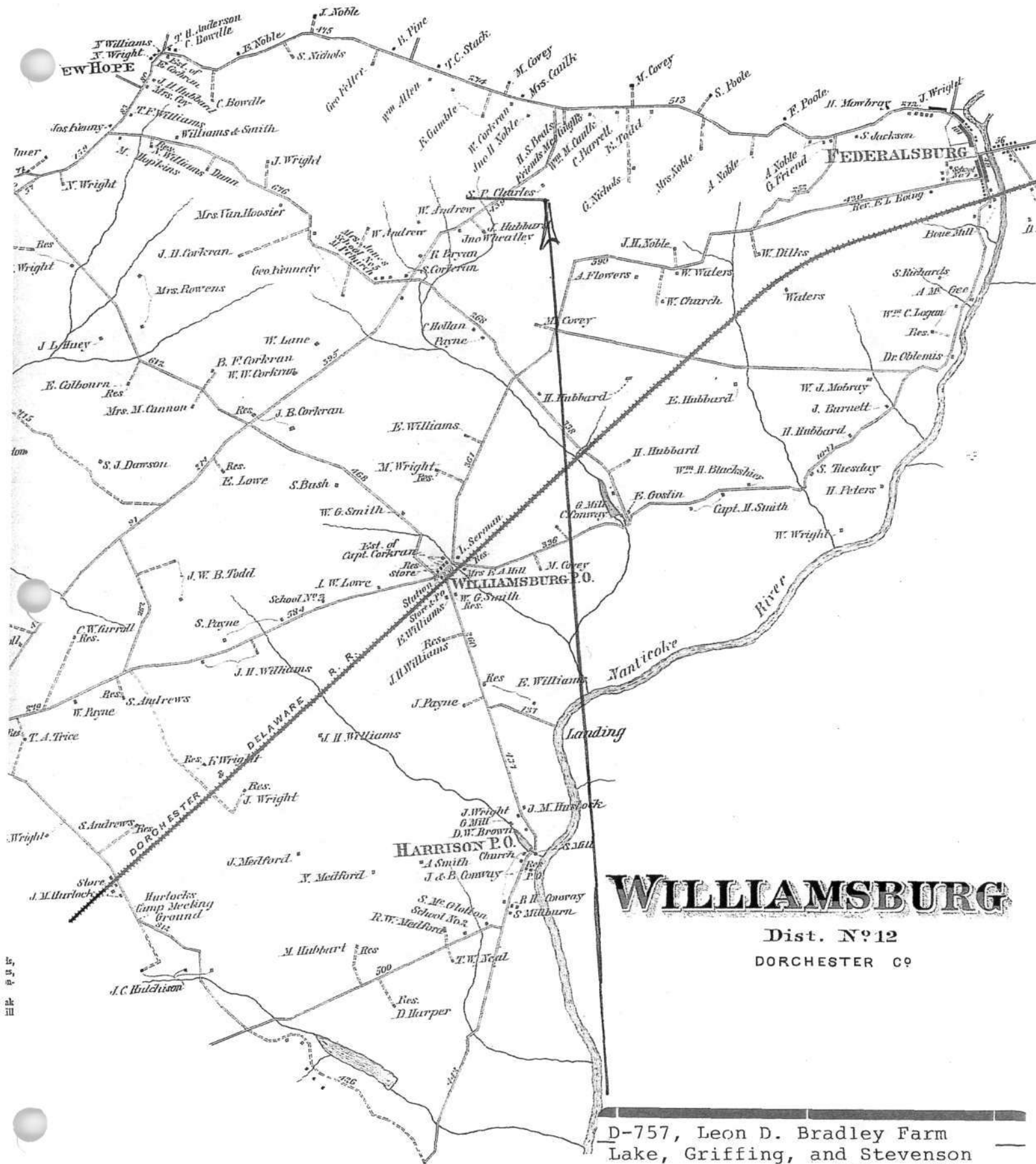
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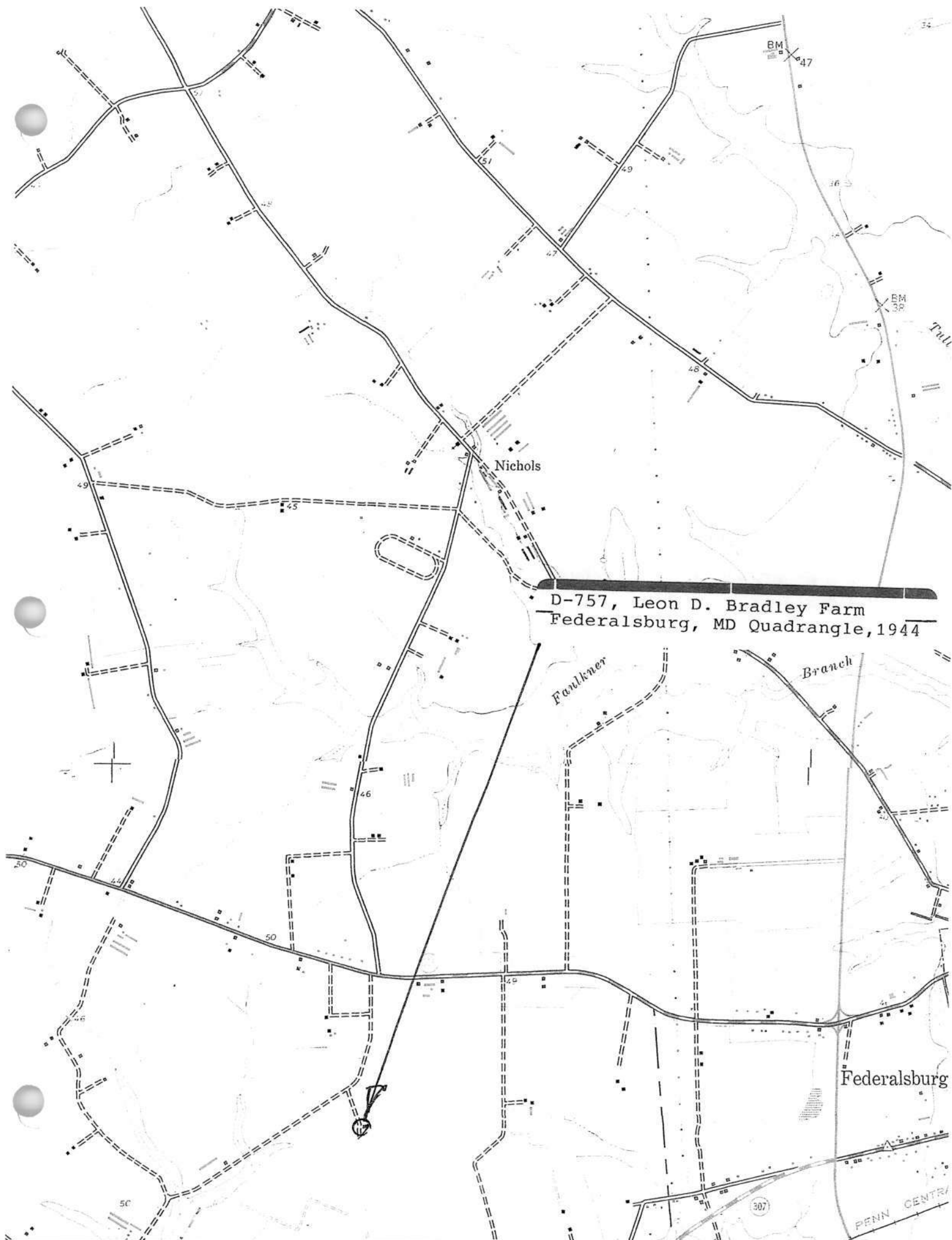
name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	3/3/2008
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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FEDERALSBURG VIC, DORCHESTER
CO. MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

3/08, PAUL TONART, PHOTO.

WETA/MD. HISTORICAL TRUST



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LEON D. BRADLEY Farm

FEDERALSBURG VIC., DOCKHURSTON C.
MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

3/08, PAUL TOWART, PHOTOGRAPHER

NEC./MD. HISTORICAL TRUST



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LEON D. BRADLEY Farm

FEDERALSBURG VIC., DORCHESTER Co., MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION of EARLY

19th CENTURY HOUSE

3/08, PAUL TOWNSEND, PHOTOGRAPHER

WEG/MD. HISTORICAL TRUST



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LEON D. BRADLEY FARM

FENNERSBURG VIC. DORCHESTER
Co. MD.

NORTHEAST ELEVATION OF EARLY
19TH CENTURY HOUSE

3708, PAUL TOWN, PHOTOGRAPHED
WES/MD. HISTORICAL TRUST



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LEON D. BRADLEY FARM
FEDERALSBURG MD, DORCHESTER CO.
MD.

HALL-INTERIOR WITH BUILT
STAIRCASE & BOARD PARTITION

3/08, PAUL TOWART, PHOTOGRAPHER
WEL/MO. HISTORICAL TRUST



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LEON D. BRADLEY Farmer
FEDERATION VIC.
DORCHESTER Co. MD.

BOXED STACASE

3/08, PAUL TOUANT, PHOTO.
N.E./MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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